Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was no need because the Court sent me the attachment orders.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—On 5th Makaram 1107 did the Registrar get a request to transfer somebody else to this place?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is answered "Yes".

84. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) did the Registrar of Panchayats ever contemplate the transfer of the Poomangalam Panchayat Vaidyan as a remedy for his indebtedness;

(b) if so, when and how did the Registrar think of effecting the remedy by the transfer;

(c) will a copy of his letter dated 3rd Makaram 1107 addressed to the Poomangalam Panchayat be placed on the Council table and also the copy of his letter dated 10th Meenam 1107 to the same Panchayat?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No. It was not as a remedy for his indebtedness that his transfer was ordered but in the hope that away from his creditors he would be able to bestow better attention on the ailing public and justify the remuneration he draws.

(b) On 3rd Makaram 1107; vide also (a) above.

(c) Yes; copies are appended (*Appendices II and III*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was the Vaidyan proposed to be transferred to Thiruwilwamala to the newly started Vaidyasala?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it because of his experience and standing as a Vaidyan that it was thought necessary to transfer him to Thiruvilwamala to the newly started Vaidyasala?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It was also because of that.

President.—It would be quite impossible for the Government to answer if several supplementary questions are put together. Only one Government Member is answering. Therefore the questions may be put separately and definitely.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did it strike the Registrar that the transfer of the judgment-debtor from the sphere of his activities would be prejudicial to the interests of the decree-holders concerned?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—In ordering the transfer I had not the interest of the decree-holders in my mind. I had only the interest of the Vaidyasala.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there any complaint from the ailing public of the locality where this Vaidyan

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was doing his work regarding failure to attend to his duties because of his indebtedness?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Nothing was brought to my notice in that direction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the answer to (a), I ask whether there was any complaint regarding the inability of the Vaidyan concerned to attend to his duties because of his indebtedness.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was no complaint from the ailing public. But I have seen it myself when I went there for inspection that he was not in the Vaidyasala. He was actually playing a hide and seek game.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any record to show that?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There must be some record. I have not verified it.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether chronic debtors will be disturbed by their creditors?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That was actually the fact. He was actually worried.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether a chronic debtor will be tempted to misappropriate Government money?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Before we go to the next question I beg to make a correction in Appendix II, line 3. It is not "Utharavu" but it ought to be a "letter".

Authority to appoint Panchayat Vaidyans.

85. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) who is the appointing authority as far as Panchayat Vaidyans are concerned; is it the Registrar or the Panchayats concerned;

(b) who is the present Panchayat Vaidyan at the newly opened Panchayat Vaidyasala at Thiruvilwamala;

(c) who was his predecessor and if he is not the first Vaidyan of that institution, who was the first and what became of him?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) The power of appointment of Panchayat Vaidyans is vested in the Panchayats concerned.

(b) K. Neelacandhankutty of Narakkal.

(c) He had no predecessor. It is a new Vaidyasala.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are the Panchayats generally consulted in the matter of such appointments?

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